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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 10768

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SUBJECT: SOVIET DESIRE FOR US-SOVIET DISCUSSION IN GENEVA
OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT

REF: STATE 44777

1. SOVIET REP TO CCD (AMB. LIKHATCHEV) APPROACHED US REP
(AMB. FISHER) ON JULY 13 TO INDICATE THAT IN ADDITION TO
CONTINUING THE DISCUSSION OF THE SCHEDULE FOR THE CURRENT
SESSION OF CCD (GENEVA 10438) AT THE NEXT CO-CHAIRMEN'S
MEETING (SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JULY 17), HE INTENDED TO
TAKE UP THE QUESTION OF FIVE (SIC) ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES TO
BE SELECTED FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT
(CD) TO BE CONVENED PURSUANT TO THE FINAL DOCUMENT OF THE
SPECIAL UNGA SESSION DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT (SSOD).
LIKHATCHEV IMPLIED THAT HE WAS ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS,
WONDERING IF FISHER HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS MAT-
TER. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SELECTION
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OF ADDITIONAL CD MEMBERS AS DEVELOPED AT SSOD HAD A NUMBER
OF LOOSE ENDS THAT HAD TO BE TIED UP. IN RESPONSE TO
FISHER'S COMMENT THAT UNDER THE SSOD FINAL DOCUMENT "FIVE
TO EIGHT" ADDITIONAL CD MEMBERS WOULD BE SELECTED,
LIKHATCHEV SAID THAT THE SOVIET POSITION, AS STATED IN NEW
YORK, PROVIDED FOR ONLY FIVE SUCH MEMBERS.

2. PURSUANT TO PARA 3 REFTTEL, WE INTEND TO RESIST ANY SOVIET EFFORT TO PLACE THE SELECTION OF ADDITIONAL CD MEMBERS WITHIN THE CO-CHAIRMEN'S PURVIEW. WE ALSO DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE CO-CHAIRMEN SHOULD BE THE ONES TO INTERPRET, OR "TIE UP THE LOOSE ENDS" OF, ANY ARRANGEMENTS RELATING TO THE CD. AS TO LIKHATCHEV'S REMARK REGARDING THE SOVIET POSITION ON THE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL CD MEMBERS, WE MAY POINT OUT TO HIM THE FACTS OF LIFE BUT WE BELIEVE THE US SHOULD NOT ACT AS INTERMEDIARY BETWEEN THE SOVIETS AND OTHERS, PARTICULARLY THE FRENCH AND THE NON-ALIGNED, ON THIS ISSUE. IN FACT, THE SOVIETS' CONCERN OVER THEIR ISOLATION ON THIS POINT MAY WELL BE ONE OF THE REASONS FOR THEIR DESIRE TO PLACE IT IN THE US-SOVIET CONTEXT.

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